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Dear Commissioner Friedman,

I am writing to urge you and the F.D.A. to require that genetically-altered foods be clearly labeled for the consuming public.<sup>1</sup> Since the <sup>400 20</sup> majority of Americans favor clear labeling of genetically altered foods, it seems highly undemocratic for the F.D.A. to fail to regulate this growing sector of the chemical industry. Would you please write back and respond to these specific questions:

- 1) What will the F.D.A. do to protect the public's right to know what is in the food they eat?
- 2) Currently I can inadvertently dose myself with growth hormones by drinking milk, yet to get an intentional dose of similar hormone, I need a doctor's ~~few~~ prescription. What will the F.D.A. do to insure that people are not inadvertently exposed to synthetic hormones?
- 3) The news media reports that a number of FDA decision makers have close personal connections to major chemical companies such as Dupont and Dow. What does the FDA plan to do to correct this glaring conflict of interest and to insure that the public's rights are fully protected?
- 4) Is the FDA working with the Dept. of Agriculture to avert the damage that products such as Round-up Ready Soybeans can do to the agriculture industry?

Thank you in advance for answering these questions,  
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